This Looks Like *That*: Deep Learning for Interpretable Image Recognition

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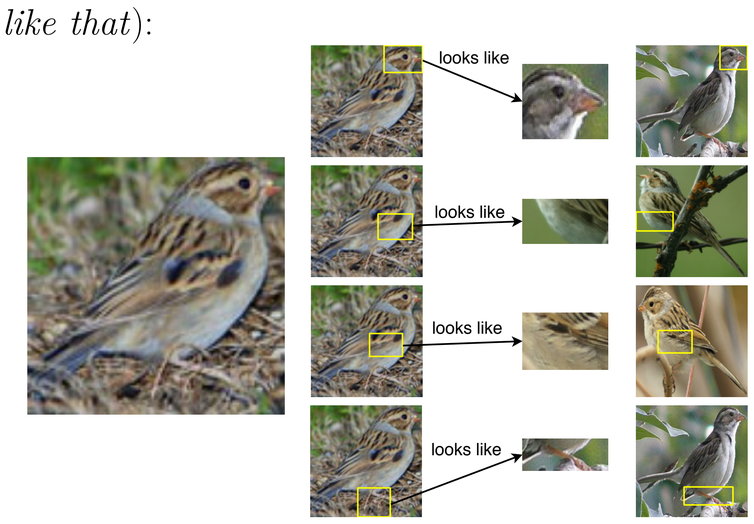
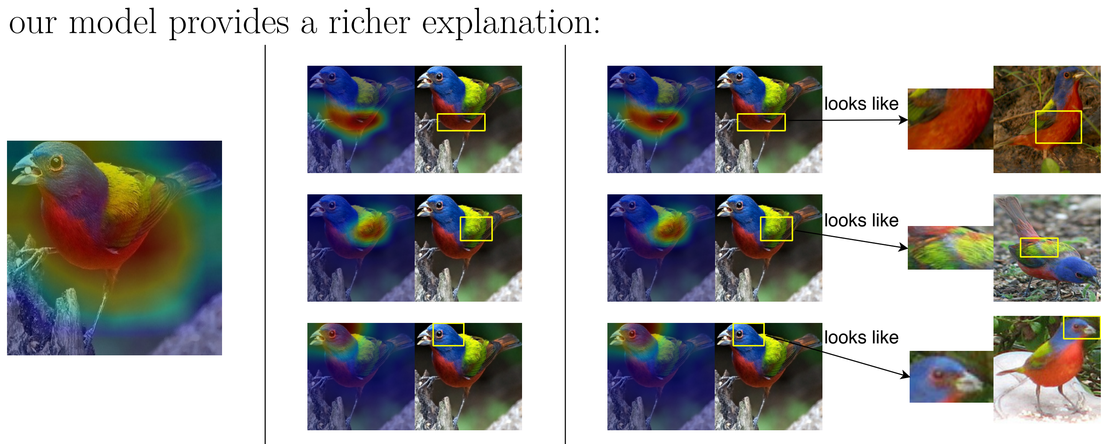
ProtoPNet: a new form of interpretability

Our *prototypical part network* (or ProtoPNet) defines a new form of interpretability (*this looks like that*):



Compared to previous interpretable deep learning methods (attention-based models), our model provides a richer explanation:

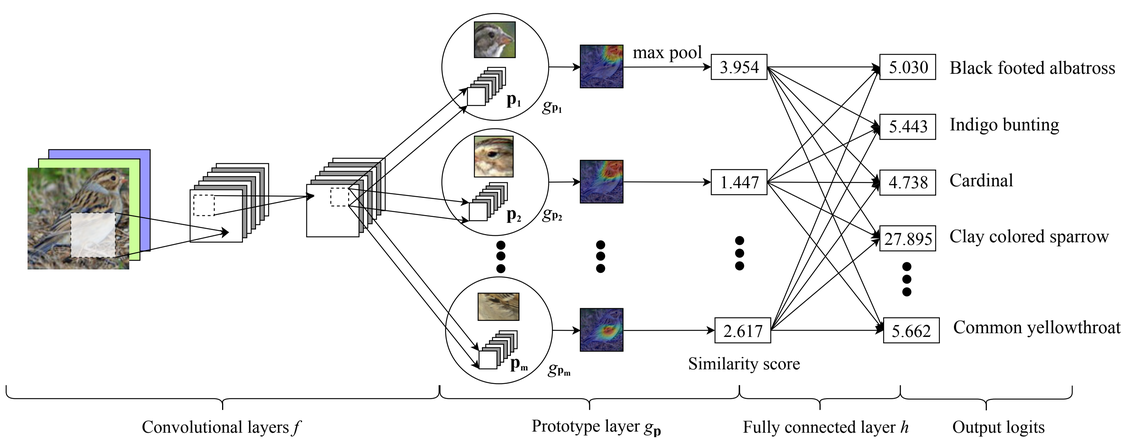


(a) Object attention (class activation map)

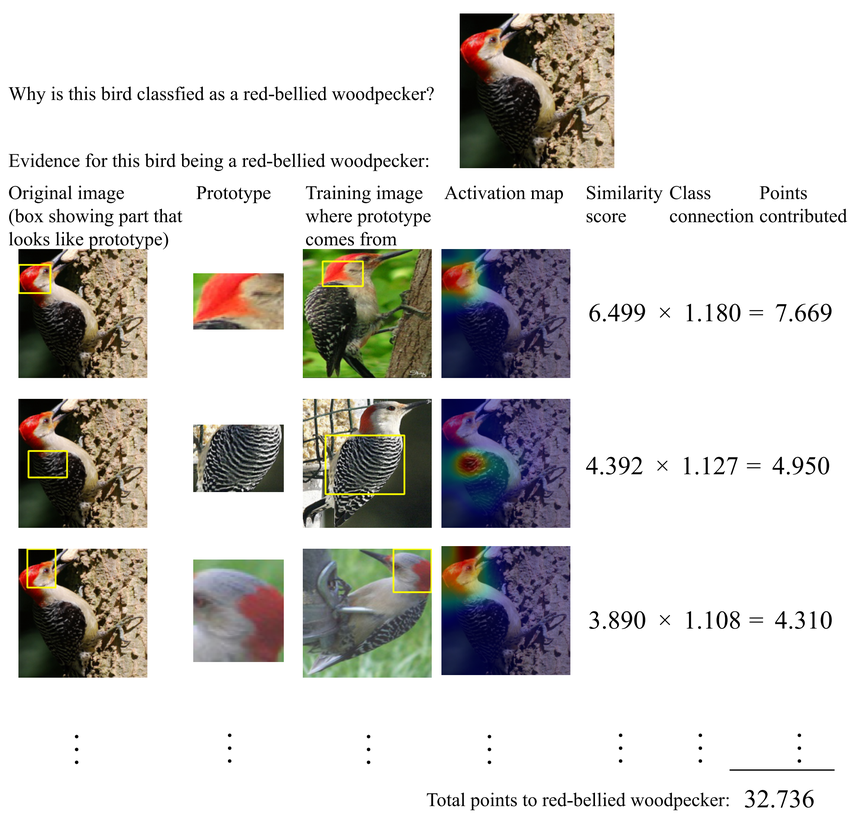
(b) Part attention (attention-based models)

(c) Part attention + comparison with learned prototypical parts (our model)

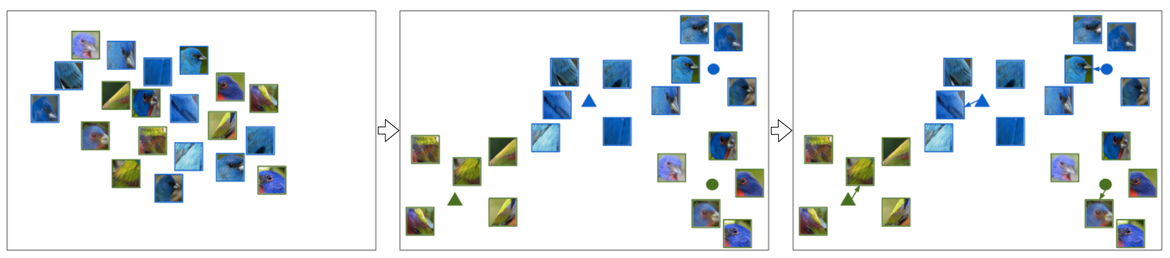
Model architecture



Reasoning process



Training algorithm



Stage 1: stochastic gradient descent (SGD) of layers before last layer

$$\min_{\mathbf{P},w_{\text{conv}}} \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n} \text{CrsEnt}(h \circ g_{\mathbf{p}} \circ f(\mathbf{x_i}), \mathbf{y_i}) + \lambda_1 \text{Clst} + \lambda_2 \text{Sep}, \quad \text{where}$$

$$\text{Clst} = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n} \min_{j:\mathbf{p}_j \in \mathbf{P}_{y_i}} \min_{\mathbf{z} \in \text{patches}(f(\mathbf{x}_i))} \|\mathbf{z}-\mathbf{p}_j\|_2^2; \text{Sep} = -\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n} \min_{j:\mathbf{p}_j \notin \mathbf{P}_{y_i}} \min_{\mathbf{z} \in \text{patches}(f(\mathbf{x}_i))} \|\mathbf{z}-\mathbf{p}_j\|_2^2.$$

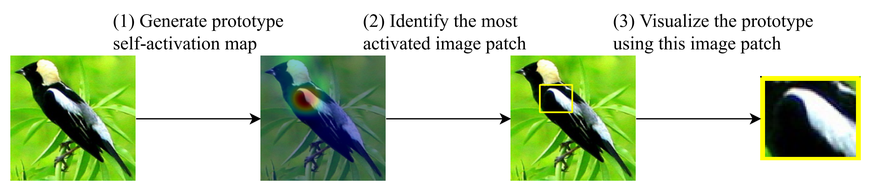
Stage 2: projection of prototypes

$$\mathbf{p}_j \leftarrow \arg\min_{\mathbf{z} \in \mathcal{Z}_j} \|\mathbf{z}-\mathbf{p}_j\|_2, \text{where } \mathcal{Z}_j = \{\tilde{\mathbf{z}} : \tilde{\mathbf{z}} \in \text{patches}(f(\mathbf{x}_i)) \; \forall i \text{ s.t. } y_i = k\}.$$

Stage 3: Convex optimization of last layer

$$\min_{w_h} \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n} \text{CrsEnt}(h \circ g_{\mathbf{p}} \circ f(\mathbf{x_i}), \mathbf{y_i}) + \lambda \sum_{k=1}^{K} \sum_{j:\mathbf{p}_j \notin \mathbf{P}_k} |w_h^{(k,j)}|.$$

Prototype visualization

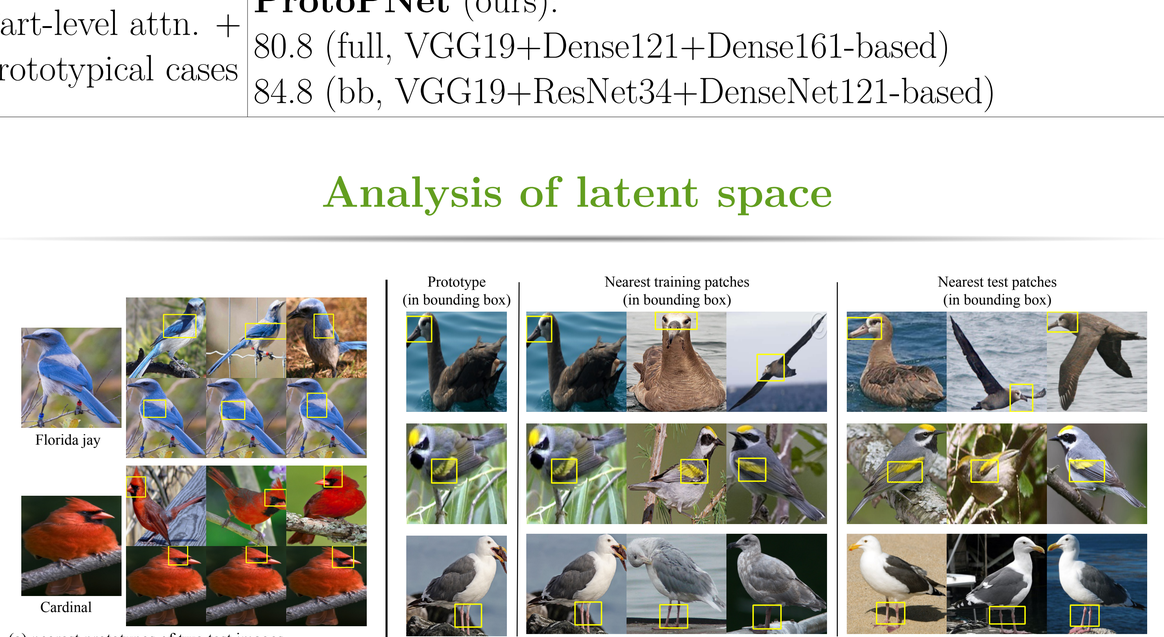


Accuracy comparison

Base	ProtoPNet	Baseline	Base	ProtoPNet	Baseline
VGG16	76.1 ± 0.2	74.6 ± 0.2	VGG19	78.0 ± 0.2	75.1 ± 0.4
Res34	79.2 ± 0.1	82.3 ± 0.3	Res152	78.0 ± 0.3	81.5 ± 0.4
Dense121	80.2 ± 0.2	80.5 ± 0.1	Dense161	80.1 ± 0.3	82.2 ± 0.2

Interpretability	Model: accuracy
None	**B-CNN**: 85.1 (bb), 84.1 (full)
Object-level attn.	**CAM**: 70.5 (bb), 63.0 (full)
Part-level attention	**Part R-CNN**: 76.4 (bb+anno.); **PS-CNN**: 76.2 (bb+anno.); **PN-CNN**: 85.4 (bb+anno.); **DeepLAC**: 80.3 (anno.); **SPDA-CNN**: 85.1 (bb+anno.); **PA-CNN**: 82.8 (bb); **MG-CNN**: 83.0 (bb), 81.7 (full); **ST-CNN**: 84.1 (full); **2-level attn.**: 77.9 (full); **FCAN**: 82.0 (full); **Neural const.**: 81.0 (full); **MA-CNN**: 86.5 (full); **RA-CNN**: 85.3 (full)
Part-level attn. + prototypical cases	**ProtoPNet** (ours): 80.8 (full, VGG19+Dense121+Dense161-based) 84.8 (bb, VGG19+ResNet34+DenseNet121-based)

Analysis of latent space



(a) nearest prototypes of two test images
left: original test image
right: *top*: three nearest prototypes of the image, with prototypical parts shown in box
below: test image with patch closest to each prototype shown in box

(b) nearest image patches to prototypes
left: prototype, with prototypical parts in box
middle: nearest training images to prototype, with patch closest to prototype in box
right: nearest test images to prototype, with patch closest to prototype in box

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